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Raised Bill No. 6316

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR
BUSINESSES AT THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before October 1, 2011, the
2 Secretary of the State, in consultation with the Labor Commissioner
3 and the Commissioners of Revenue Services, Administrative Services,
4 Consumer Protection, Public Works and Transportation, or their
5 designees, shall, within existing budgetary resources, develop a plan to
6 create and implement a unified state identification number that shall
7 be assigned by the Commercial Recording Division of the office of the
8 Secretary of the State at the time a business entity files its certificate of
9 incorporation, certificate of limited partnership, articles of association
10 or articles of organization, as the case may be. Such unified state
11 identification number shall take the place of the taxpayer identification
12 number and employer identification number, and shall be used for all
13 transactions with the state, including, but not limited to, taxation, fee
14 payment, licensure, registration and bidding for state contracts.
- 15 (b) On or before January 1, 2012, the Secretary of the State shall
16 report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having

17 cognizance of matters relating to commerce on the plan developed
 18 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Such report shall include the
 19 projected cost of replacing taxpayer and employer identification
 20 numbers with a unified state identification number, projected costs
 21 associated with developing a web site utilizing the unified state
 22 identification number for inter-agency data sharing and
 23 recommendations for administrative or legislative action needed to
 24 implement the plan.

25 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2012*) The Commercial Recording
 26 Division of the office of the Secretary of the State shall establish an
 27 electronic business portal to serve as a single point of entry for
 28 business entities registering in the state. Such portal shall be used to
 29 assist such business entities in registering, determining permitting and
 30 licensure requirements and finding available state financial incentives
 31 and programs related to such entities' businesses. The information
 32 contained in the portal about such business entities may be made
 33 available to state agencies and quasi-public agencies for economic
 34 development and statistical purposes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Secretary of the State, Labor Commissioner, and Commissioners of Revenue Services, Administrative Services, Consumer Protection, Public Works and Transportation, or their designees, to develop a unified state identification number to be used for all transactions with the state, ease electronic filing by business entities in the state, ease information sharing between state agencies and create an electronic business portal to facilitate new businesses in the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]